Omnibus Export Promotion Scheme

3579. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is launching an Omnibus Export Promotion Scheme for the forthcoming modifications to the new Foreign Trade Policy to be unveiled on April 7;

(b) if so, whether this scheme was designated to neutralize the incidence of duty on the inputs used in export product;

(c) whether Government has obtained requisite inputs from the National Council of Applied Economic Research and Rajiv Gandhi Foundation Economic Law Practice;

(d) if so, by what time this scheme is likely to be introduced; and

(e) to what extent it will be beneficial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Government has not announced any Omnibus Export Promotion Scheme in the Annual Supplement to the Foreign Trade Policy announced on 8th April, 2005. However, Government proposes to replace the DEPB Scheme with a new Scheme which will neutralize the incidence of unremitted levies and taxes.

(c) to (e)The draft report has been submitted by National Council of Applied Economic Research, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation & Law Practice. Discussions are being held with the related departments on the draft report.

Separate board for Chillies

3580. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to create a separate board like spices board for Chillies to enhance export opportunities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present Spices Board is largely concentrating on Kerala-centric spices export and development;

(c) what steps will be taken to ensure that national interests are more widely served by creating a separate board for the export and nurturing of Chillies;